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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ALLEN W. DULLES
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

The attached memorandum will interest you. Since it was written, Mr. Buck telephoned again to our Mr. Frederick Strauss yesterday and reported that his Amtorg contact had paid him another visit in order to talk further about trade, particularly two-way trade. Mr. Buck stated to Mr. Strauss that he had informed his Amtorg contact that the possibilities of any progress might be substantially advanced if he, Mr. Buck, knew more about what U.S.S.R. desired in the way of imports from the U.S. The Amtorg representative stated that he would attempt to develop this and promised to "cable".

Mr. Strauss has made it clear to Mr. Buck that he is not to disclose his conversations in the Commerce Department. I have asked Mr. Strauss to see to it that I meet Mr. Buck, which is now planned for June 12. Mr. Strauss believes that Mr. Buck may have further information by that time. I have instructed Mr. Strauss to evince my interest in the most casual way.

As you will see from the memorandum, Mr. Strauss, before I knew about this case, has generally informed Mr. Ray Vernon of State. I have instructed him not to continue to advise Mr. Vernon of the situation, unless you wish us to do this. I thought you might have other desires as far as informing the Department of State.

// Would you please see that I am advised or, if I am not here, //
Mr. Arthur Frazer, my assistant, of your desires on this last point. //
(I will be away from today until the 11th).

You may be interested that Leon Moore called me last night to say goodbye prior to a 2-months' visit to Europe. I raised the question of our previous conversation and he said that his contact had not come back and "the thing didn't work out". I understand you knew this.

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Samuel W. Anderson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce

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